

RESOLUTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION PERMIT EFFICIENCY AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE (TPEAC)

March 20, 2002

FOR A ONE-STOP PERMITTING PROCESS	TPEAC RESOLUTION NUMBER <u>8</u>
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Engrossed Senate Bill 6188 of 2001 formed the Transportation Permit Efficiency and Accountability Committee. It is the intent of this resolution to specify a one-stop permitting process for transportation projects under the jurisdictional management of the Washington State Department of Transportation. Changes and adjustments are likely to occur to the proposed process; however, it is proposed that TPEAC agree on this process so that a one-stop process can be implemented.

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL BY TPEAC:

The one stop permitting process provides an efficient and effective methodology to facilitate transportation permitting in the state of Washington. The one-stop process, herein attached, provides for creation of an Inter-disciplinary Team (ID) proposal to coordinate the preparation and issuance of permits respective of each permitting agencies mandates and statutory requirements. The one-stop process attached is herein adopted by

ADOPTED, One stop permitting process by the TPEAC (March 20, 2002).

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Senator Dan Swecker, committee chairman

## Result of Vote

Committee Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Senator Swecker	X			
Senator Prentice	X			
Rep. Ericksen				X
Rep. Rockefeller	X			
Department of Transportation	X			
Department of Ecology	X			
Department of Fish & Wildlife	X			
Association of Washington Cities	X			
Washington State Association of Counties	X			

## **Definitions**

Unified Permit Application: a binder which contains all the permit applications and supporting documents for a project, and is maintained by WSDOT.

Unified Permit Document: a binder which contains all the permit applications, supporting documents, and issued permits for a project, and is maintained by WSDOT.

## **One Stop Permitting**

### **Step1. Project Definition / Interdisciplinary Teams**

Appropriate agencies will be contacted at the time of Project Definition for the formation of Interdisciplinary (ID) Teams for projects not covered by programmatic permits. ID Teams of WSDOT, permitting/resource agency, affected tribes, and private or public sector discipline experts (including engineers) will be chartered and convened to: define the project's impacts; elicit input from the agencies and others for the level of detail, appropriate avoidance, minimization and type and place of mitigation and conditions for the permit; set a master timeline and schedule; and address agency resource needs, consistent with Chapter 47.06C RCW. The ID Team will remain in existence from Project Definition into Design through Plans Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) and construction, in order to influence and respond to design and construction changes.

The ID Team will develop a charter to address such items as permitting and meeting schedules, communication protocol, and other coordination issues. The time period for Step 1 could range from one meeting to in excess of one year, depending upon the complexity of the project.

### **Step 2. Draft Unified Permit Application (WSDOT Prepared)**

This collaborative effort would then be reflected in a unified permit application drafted by WSDOT and submitted to the agencies for simultaneous review and concurrence.

### **Step 3.**

The unified permit application will be submitted to the agencies for independent review and to initiate public involvement processes in conformity with applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. Agencies will conduct their public review processes concurrently, including unified public hearings, to the extent possible. Upon submission to the agencies, the permit application is a matter of public record and is available for public review through WSDOT.

### **Step 4.**

The IDT will be reconvened to go over the comments. Each agency will follow their own procedures and work with the applicant to revise the permit application.